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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This preliminary amendment is being filed upon entry into the U.S. national phase. The claims were amended under Article 19, and are being further amended herein.

Please cancel claims 1-25 and insert new claims 26-50 as follows:

A 26. A cold separation device for separating an elongate member along a substantially longitudinal axis thereof, said device comprising a separation unit having a cutter, support means extending upstream and downstream of said separation unit to support said elongate member, and a feeder means to feed said elongate member towards and through said separation unit, wherein said feeder means feeds said elongate member, and said support means extends in a direction substantially parallel to said substantially longitudinal axis of said elongate member.

27. A device according to claim 26, wherein said cutter comprises a saw blade.